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VIA ECFS

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: Notice of Oral *Ex Parte* Communication
A National Broadband Plan for Our Future, GN Docket No. 09-51**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On March 3, 2010, Alexa Verveer, Senior Vice President of Public Policy & Government Relations, Scott Kinney, Vice President of Outreach and Professional Development (Discovery Education), Stephen Wakefield, Communications Manager (Discovery Education), and I -- all on behalf of Discovery Communications, LLC -- met with Kristen Kane, Director of Missions, Steve Midgley, Director of Education, and Sharren Bates, Data Analyst, all of the Omnibus Broadband Initiative.

During this meeting, the participants discussed the National Broadband Plan's goals and possible strategies with respect to the promotion of broadband education. Discovery discussed its continuing belief in the importance of broadband education and the critical role broadband education should play in the National Broadband Plan. Discovery informed the Commission about the efforts of its Discovery Education division to provide high-quality digital resources to schools and homes with the goal of making educators more effective, increasing student achievement, and connecting classrooms and families to myriad avenues of learning. Discovery firmly believes that the Commission should support and encourage efforts to assist educators in harnessing the power of broadband and media to connect students to the world around them.

Discovery also discussed the possibility of sponsoring events or otherwise participating in various activities to promote broadband education and noted some of the Discovery Education Programs and related activities it is likely to undertake in the near future to create further interest in integrating broadband content on the part of teachers and students alike. Discovery ended by noting that it looks forward to working with the Commission on broadband education issues moving forward and welcomes meaningful proposals in the National Broadband Plan.

Pursuant to the Commission's rules, a copy of this notice is being filed electronically in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Catherine Carroll", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Catherine Carroll
Director of Public Policy
Discovery Communications, LLC

cc: Kristen Kane
Steve Midgley
Sharren Bates